

64. (Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the conjugate is immobilized by direct adsorptive binding or by covalent coupling or by coupling via high affinity binding pairs.

65. (Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the conjugate is immobilized by coupling via high affinity binding pairs.

66. (Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the solid phase is first coated with a first partner of a high affinity binding pair and then said preformed conjugate is immobilized.

68. (Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said preformed conjugate is a modified analyte specific solid phase reactant which is incubated with a further alkylene oxide modified solid phase reactant which acts as a blocker.

69.(Amended) The method of claim 68, wherein said further alkylene oxide modified solid phase reactant does not react with said analyte.

73. (Amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising applying an alkylene oxide modified blocker to said solid phase.

77.(Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the solid phase comprises several test areas on which different preformed conjugates are immobilized.